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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
12th Street Lobby, TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: *Ex Parte* Presentation
WT Docket No. 02-55**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On December 5, 2003, the 800 MHz User Coalition, represented by Diane Cornell, Vice President for Regulatory Policy of the Cellular Telecommunications & Internet Association, and Jill Lyon, Vice President and General Counsel of the United Telecom Council, concerning the above-referenced docket. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the merits of the 800 MHz User Coalition "Balanced Approach" proposal filed with the FCC on May 29, 2003.

The 800 MHz User Coalition representatives noted the significant risks raised by the so-called "Consensus Plan" filed by Nextel Communications, some public safety associations and private wireless groups is unworkable, as well as some of the legal infirmities of the plan. The Coalition parties also urged that the FCC not mandate a band plan for the 800 MHz band that would restrict the ability of licensees of all types to deploy advanced technology: in many states, this band is being used to develop multi-agency interoperable systems, some of which are a mix of high-site and low-site installations. The parties also stressed that the Coalition plan is proactive, in that it not only guarantees elimination of current interference at the cost of the interfering party, but would prevent future interference through rules requiring better system engineering as well as notification and coordination procedures.

The attached handout summarizing the differences between the "Consensus Plan" and 800 MHz User Coalition Plan was provided at the meeting, along with a the attached copy of the 800 MHz User Coalition Balanced Approach Plan.



Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, this letter is being electronically filed with your office. If you have any questions concerning this submission, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Diane Cornell

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cc: Sheryl Wilkerson

